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NIC OUTSIDE ACTIVITY

NIC Requester: Hal Ford, NIO At Large

Date of Request: 9 March 1984

A. Identification of Event or Professional Discussion (including dates)

March 15 through March 17, Georgetown University, conference on  
"Justice and War in the Nuclear Age."

See attachment.

B. Who (generally) will attend?

James T. Johnson (Rutgers University)  
Michael Walzer (Institute for Advanced Study)  
James Dougherty (St. Joseph's University)  
John Keegan (Sandhurst)  
David Hollenbach, S.J. (Weston School of Theology)  
Donald F. McHenry (former United Nations Ambassador)

C. Foreign Attendance?

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D. Any awkward situations anticipated?

No

APPROVED/~~DISAPPROVED~~:

Charles E. Waterman, Vice Chairman/NIC

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Date

FORM 879 Required: YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

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Dr. Harold P. Ford



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Dear Dr. Ford:

Because of your interest in questions connecting ethics and national security issues, we are inviting you to attend a conference which we hope will make a major contribution to the thoughtful consideration of these vital concerns. On March 15 through March 17, Georgetown University will sponsor and host a conference on "Justice and War in the Nuclear Age."

The purpose of the meeting is to consider how the development of nuclear weapons has affected some of the central moral and political issues underlying the evaluation of modern warfare.

The conference will represent an effort to deal with many of the questions and dilemmas posed or at least initiated by current policy debates over nuclear weapons and potential nuclear conflicts. Chief among these is whether any major international armed conflict can ever be moral or just given the enormous destructive potential of nuclear weapons and the substantial risks of escalation that haunt conflicts between the superpowers or their clients. This general dilemma leads to or includes a host of moral problems concerning nuclear deterrence strategies, conventional limited wars, and the roles and responsibilities of statesmen and citizens in the pursuit of peace.

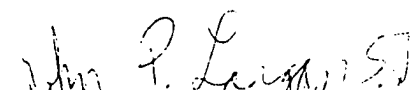
The discussion will center around a series of papers that will eventually be turned into a scholarly volume. In addition to ourselves, contributors include James T. Johnson (Rutgers University), Michael Walzer (Institute for Advanced Study), James Dougherty (St. Joseph's University), John Keegan (Sandhurst) and David Hollenbach, S.J. (Weston School of Theology). In addition, former United Nations Ambassador Donald F. McHenry will chair a concluding panel on policy makers' responses on Saturday, March 17. A conference program listing authors' paper topics and times is enclosed.

There is no registration fee. However, we are trying to limit the number of attendees to approximately one hundred people in order to encourage useful discussion periods. To ensure yourself a place at the conference, please return the enclosed registration form as soon as possible.

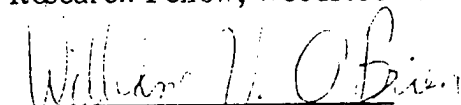
Luncheon service will be available at Georgetown's Darnall Dining Hall. Persons attending from outside of the Washington area are eligible for a reduced room rate (\$51.00—single or double occupancy) from the Wellington Hotel (about one half mile from the campus) for the evenings of March 14-16. Interested persons should return the enclosed registration card to the Wellington Hotel before February 29.

We anticipate a useful and interesting meeting. We do hope you can make plans to attend.

Sincerely,



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Research Fellow, Woodstock Theological Center



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Chairman, Department of Government

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